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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/173,129
Filing Date	October 15, 1998
First Named Inventor	Park
Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Peralta, Ginette
Attorney Docket Number	TI-25320

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## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Other Extension of Time, Fee Transmittal

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a  
740.00 period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
Deposit Account No. 20-0668i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Patent Amendment

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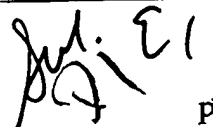
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2001, please amend this application  
as follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute each of the following claims for the pending claim of the same number:

 1 (Four Times Amended). A method of fabricating, in a semiconductor  
processing chamber, an electrical device formed in a semiconductor substrate, said  
method comprising:

forming an insulating layer over said semiconductor substrate;  
forming a silicon-containing structure on said insulating layer;